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PRODUCTION OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of rice has increased during the Ninth Five Year Plan in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise/State-wise; and

(c) the effective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of rice in different parts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The production of rice in the country has increased during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b): The year-wise/State-wise estimates of production of rice during the Ninth Five Plan are given in the Annexure.

(c): The Government are implementing the Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice) for improving production and productivity of rice in the country. Since October 2000, this scheme has been subsumed under the Macro Management Scheme which gives flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements and agro-climatic conditions. This regionally differentiated strategy adopted during the Ninth Five Year Plan would be continued during the Tenth Five Year Plan. As a new initiative, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India` has been launched in March 2002 for the year 2001-02 and the Tenth Five Year Plan. The objective of the scheme is to exploit ground/surface water, efficient water utilization and management for increasing crop production in eastern India. Apart from these, the Government have launched various other initiatives such as emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, Market Information Network, National Agriculture Insurance Scheme etc. Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through price policy which includes implementation of Minimum Support Price, procurement by public agencies etc.